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**In The Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A method for managing telephone services provided through a HFC network platform having at least a video display device and a telephone device, the method comprising the steps of:

- (a) detecting an off-hook state of a telephone device at a network element on the HFC network located at or substantially near a subscriber's residence;
  - (b) receiving at said network element a set of digits from the telephone device;
  - (c) determining a service requested by the subscriber based on the received set of digits; and
  - (d) controlling the display on the video display device in association with the information associated with the requested service
- (e) wherein the off-hook state of the telephone occurs during reception of a video program.

2. (Original) The method described in claim 1 further comprising the step of: (e) muting the audio of the video display device during an off-hook state.

3. (Original) The method described in claim 1 wherein the requested service is a telephone call.

4. (Original) The method described in claim 1 wherein the requested service is a retrieval of call logs.

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5. (Original) The method described in claim 1 wherein the requested service is a directory service.
6. (Original) The method described in claim 1 wherein the information displayed on the video display device is a telephone listing.
7. (Original) The method described in claim 1 wherein the information displayed on the video display device is a call progress status.
8. (Original) The method described in claim 1 wherein the information displayed on the video display device is a call state.
9. (Original) The method described in claim 1 wherein the information displayed on the video display device is a list of callers.
10. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the network element is a communication gateway.
11. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the network element is a set-top box.

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12. (Currently Amended) A method for synchronizing the delivery of video and telephone services through an HFC platform having a video display device and a telephone device, the method comprising the steps of:

(a) receiving a control signal indicating an incoming telephone call to a subscriber at a network element on the HFC network located substantially near the subscriber's residence and at a time when a video program is being delivered to said subscriber's residence through the video display device; and

(b) selectively interrupting the delivery of the video program to the video display device when the telephone call is answered.

13. (Original) The method of claim 12 further comprising the step of: (c) resuming the delivery of the video program when the telephone call ends.

14. (Original) The method of claim 12 wherein the interruption of step (b) is performed by recording the video program into a video recording device.

15. (Original) The method of claim 14 wherein the video recording device stores the video program in a segmented buffer.

16. (Original) The method of claim 12 wherein the interruption of step (b) is performed by pausing the video program.

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17. (Currently Amended) A method for synchronizing the delivery of video and telephone services through an HFC telephony service platform having a video display device and a telephone device, the method comprising the steps of:

(a) receiving a control signal indicating an incoming telephone call to a subscriber at a network element on the HFC network located at or substantially near the subscriber's residence and at a time when a video program is being delivered to said subscriber's residence through the video display device; and

(b) displaying on the video display device a menu option providing an opportunity for the subscriber to synchronize the simultaneous reception of the video program and the telephone call.

18. (Original) The method of claim 17 wherein the synchronization of step (b) is performed by recording the video program into a video recording device while the telephone call is in progress.

19. (Original) The method of claim 18 wherein the video recording device stores the video program into a segmented buffer.

20. (Original) The method of claim 17 wherein the synchronization of step (b) is performed by pausing the video program when the telephone call is answered.

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21. (Original) The method of claim 17 wherein the synchronization of step (b) is performed by muting the audio of the video program when the telephone call is answered.

22. (Currently Amended) A system for managing video and telephone services through an HFC platform having a telephone device and video display device, the system comprising a service manager coupled to said telephone device and said video display device whereby the service manager

- (i) detects an off-hook state of the telephone device located on the HFC network;
- (ii) receives digits from the telephone device;
- (iii) determines the requested service by a subscriber based on said digits; and
- (iv) controls the display on the video display device of information associated with the requested service.

23. (Original) The system of claim 22 wherein the service manager is part of a set-top box.

24. (Original) The system of claim 22 wherein the service manager is part of a communication gateway.

Claims 25-31 Cancelled.